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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods, compositions and fluid loss control additives for cementing in subterranean zones are disclosed. A cement composition comprises a hydraulic cement, sufficient water to form a slurry and a water soluble biodegradable fluid loss control additive comprising a mixture of a condensation product and hydroxyethylcellulose having a molar substitution in the range of from about 1 mole to about 2.5 moles of ethylene oxide.